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Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 10:09 AM
To: DES SBCC
Subject: RE: Oral testimony for public hearing on October 14th

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Below please find my comments for the public record:

State Senate Bill 5237 was passed in April 2021

Section 313 gives the Department of Children Youth and Families, or DCYF, flexibility to waive the 12-child limit on family home child care. This was made effective in July 2021. Per this ruling, assessment for the larger limit will be based, at a minimum, on square footage and staffing capabilities.

The intent of this legislation is to expand access to child care in a time of crisis.

However, this law is in conflict with the state building codes, which define family home child care as serving no more than 12 children.

I am an Architect who works with many child care providers, mostly in a commercial setting under the IBC. I am working with a family home provider within a municipal preschool program who is caught in the middle; based on the IRC – both state and local versions – she cannot have more than 12 children in her home; DCYF regulations state the opposite. This conflict puts providers at risk and creates confusion.

I respectfully request that the building code council convene a working group to create and codify some expectations around egress, fire, life safety and accessibility so that this law can be evaluated and potentially implemented in a way that protects the health, safety, and welfare of children in care. This would not supplant DCYF regulations but supplement them.

I would be happy to serve on such a group. I would suggest liaising with DCYF, located on the same campus in Olympia, as I believe they are already working on their own standards for evaluating expanded limits.

Per RCW 19.27.040, as I understand it, cities and counties cannot diminish the health and life safety provisions of the State Building Code – so the state code is the right place to begin this work.

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Anjali,

The hearing will begin at 10:00AM. After that testimony will be taken by code topic first and then by order in which testimony requests were received.

The IRC will be third in line for testimony. I cannot give a specific time to log in. I would suggest having the meeting running from 10:00 and waiting to hear your name called. If you miss your spot the hearing officer will call you if you are noticed in the zoom room.

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I would like to give oral testimony on October 14th. Please let me know when I should join the meeting in order to give testimony.

Thank you,

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